

SENATE BILL 2759

By Cohen

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,
Chapter 27, Part 2, relative to group insurance for
certain public officers and their families.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-203, is amended by designating the current language as subsection (a) and by inserting the following as a new subsection (b) thereto:

(b) If a member of the general assembly is convicted in any court of this state, or in any federal court, of any felony arising out of such member's official employment or official capacity and constituting malfeasance in office, then the provisions of subsection (a) no longer apply, and neither the member nor the member's spouse and dependent children may participate in the state employee's health group insurance plan without paying one hundred percent (100%) of the total monthly premium cost of participation therein. If the conviction of such member is later overturned in any court and such member is acquitted, or is granted a full pardon, then all rights, privileges and benefits shall be restored as if the conviction had never occurred.

SECTION 2. If the provisions of this act are declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction and such determination has become final, then the former provisions of 8-27-203, as such section existed immediately prior to the effective date of this act, shall be revived and be in full force and effect as if such provisions had remained in full force and effect at all times.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.